SOUTH WAKE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SWARCER NEWS

July 2010

SOUTH WAKE MEEING MINUTES

Minutes recorded by Christopher Caudle (KG4WFD)

Tim Ruffin opened the meeting and transferred power to Jim Williams

Jim Williams gave a speech; key points included…

Increase participation in public service
Provide ham radio presents at local events and street fairs
Move or Supplement weekend nets to 6 and 10 meters.
Bring back the cw net
Start an emergency net that is official and occurs once a month
Plan other activities other than the club meeting to be once a month like foxhunts field days and trips
Schedule regular board of directors meetings
Create a fundraiser and education director positions
Coordinate with Ryan to create new columns and improve website
All club activities appear on the calendar
Meeting whip position
Net manager needs to collect all reports (Jack is new net manager) and net controls need to send in all net reports. Net manager needs to summarize net reports and post this summary on the website.
Secretary needs to send minutes for submission into the news letter and web site
New photo section needs to be added to the website

Questions about the clubs mission to be a public service club was raised by Jim Young
Tim disagreed with changing the focus of the club
Chris Caudle propose that the club needs to market itself better

Old Business

Members need to be renew their memberships

New Business

There was no new business

Special Presentation

Was done by Mark Womack and was on Mobile VHF/UHF Instillation

Special Points of Interest

- Net nightly at 7:30 on the 145.210 repeater
- Tuesday night traders net at 8:00 PM on the 145.210 repeater
- Next meeting: June 7, 2010 at 7PM FV PresbyteriaChurch 307 N Ennis Street Fuquay-Varina
- The June premeeting meal will be Pot Luck.

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TREASURE'S REPORT

BALANCE AS OF 06/07/2010	$ 2109.25
DEPOSIT	
EXPENDITURE	
DINNER	$ 20.20
Balance as of 07/05/2010	$ 2089.05

NET WHIP REPORT

72 individuals

367 total check-in's for the month

Jack did send in a proper net report but I accidently deleted it. So this is the report that he presented at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Hi All. Unless you paid your 2010-2011 dues at the last meeting, your membership expired on July 1st. Please send in your membership dues and a new application if any information has changed to:

Ryan Avery
1635 Oak Grove Ch. Rd.
Angier, NC 27501

After the end of the month, I will purge the membership roster. If you have already paid Christy at the meeting, please send me a note so I can verify it with her.

MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

Recorded by Christopher Caudle

Participants
Tim Ruffin
Jim Williams
Tommy Williams
Jeremy Barnard
Christopher Caudle
Mark Womack

Topics of discussion
People don't help out to clean up

Increasing meal price minimum from $5 to 7$

Jeremy proposed cutting the meal and just doing snacks this idea was rejected

Tim disagreed moving nets to 6m a semi consciences was made to hold an additional net after the regular nets

We have an urgent need to begin fundraising

We need to appoint a liaison between the club and Danny Hampton to begin discussion on the future of the repeater

Public service needs to stay a goal of the club
Communication Trailer
Swapfest
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Emergency Day" get involved with local groups like the Wake County Sheriff to work with them

Treasurers report needs to include Cost of meals vs. price paid.

Move Board of directors meetings to occur once a month on Thursdays

CONTRIBUTING EDITOR'S ARTICLE

THIS MONTH IN HF

By: Christopher Caudle (KG4WFD)

This month is looking to shape up as a busy month in HF. With several contests and special event stations there will be plenty in July and August to keep everyone busy. If you do not have a general or extra class license then now is the time to upgrade because the tests are easier than they have ever been and the new solar cycle is just getting cranked up. After all the excitement of field day the bands have returned to normal but there are a few stations out there you should really keep an ear out for.

Contests taking place July 14th – August 14th

7/14-7/15- **CWops Mini-CWT Test**- This is a CW contest that will be taking place between in the CW portions of 3.5 MHz – 14 MHz and 18 MHz - 28 MHz at the very bottom of each band. The exchange is your name + CWops membership number or location (State and Country). Logs are due by 7/20/2010.For more information on this contest go to; www.cwops.org/onair.html.

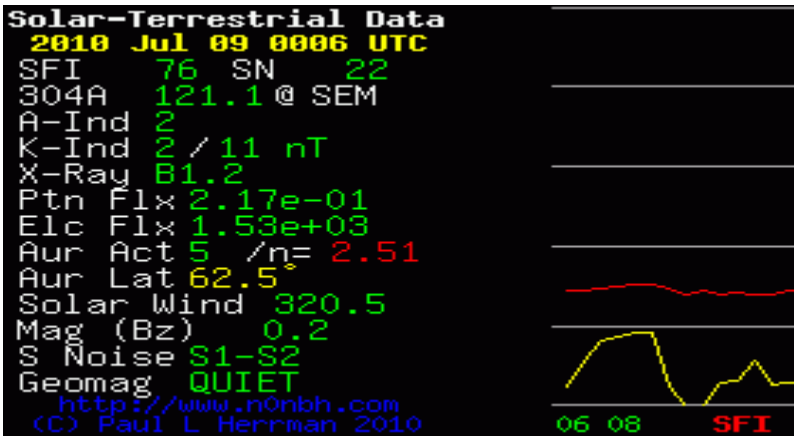
7/17-7/18- **DMC RTTY Contest**- This is a Digital/RTTY contest taking place between 3.5 MHz- 28 MHz's. The exchange will be a signal report and your serial which is the number of the contact. Logs are due 8/19/2010 For more information on the contest check them out on the web at; www.digital-modes-club.org.

7/17-7/18- **NA RTTY QSO Party**- This is a Digital/RTTY contest taking place between 3.5 MHz- 28 MHz's. The exchange will be your name and Location. Logs for this contest are due within 14 days of the completion of the contest. For more information on this contest check them out on the web at; www.ncjweb.com.

7/18- **CQC Great Colorado Gold Rush-** This is a CW contest that will be taking place in the CW portion of 14 MHz. The exchange for this contest will be ; RST, serial, category, CQC member nr. Logs are due before 8/17/2010. For more information go to; www.cqc.org/contests/gold2008.htm.

7/24-7/25-**IOTA Contest-** This is a Phone and CW contest taking place between 3.5 MHz- 28 MHz's. The exchange is; RS(T), serial, IOTA number if island. You have 3 weeks from the end of this contest to submit your logs. For further information on this contest please check there website at; www.rsgbcc.org/hf/rules/2010/riota.shtml.

This is just a partial listing of the contest taking place this month. For a complete listing and for more information on how you too can get involved in contesting, check out; www.arrl.org. As for Special Event Stations, there are over a hundred different ones this month. For and interactive calendar on SES's go to http://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations.



Currently the sun is holding steady with the SFI averaging in the 70's and the SN holding between 17 and 25 for the past few days. This means that band conditions are holding pretty steady for now but currently the sun is unpredictable and can change at any time. www.N0NBH.com is a good resource I have found that can keep you up to date on the solar conditions that play a huge role on propagation.

Next month I want to do a LOG section where you guys can brag about any cool or rare contacts you have made. So if you have one send me the Call Sign, Time, Date, Location, Power, Mode, and Frequency of the contact to KG4WFD@GMAIL.COM. Make sure the contact is from the last month or two. If we all participate this should be a lot of fun. Well thanks for reading and hope you all have incredible luck out there on the airwaves this month…73's

SKYWARN INFORMATION NETS & UPCOMING EVENTS

As posted on http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net/

Every Tuesday at 9:15PM on the 146.88 repeater

CAROLINA HELPING HAMS

No events listed.

More details and sign-up information can be found on links from the Ham public service calendar at: www.hampublicservice.org

LINKS OF INTEREST

South Wake ARC Club website: http://www.southwakearc.com/

South Wake ARC Yahoo group: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/southwakearc/

Piedmont Coastal Repeater Network: http://pcrn.net/

Carolina 440 linked system: http://www.carolina440.net/

Central Carolina Skywarn: http://www.centralcarolinaskywarn.net/

SouthEastern Repeater Association: http://www.sera.org/

Wake County CERT: http://www.wakecountycert.org/

Wake County ARES/RACES: http://www.wakeares.org/

ARRL: http://www.arrl.org/

FCC Universal Licensing System: http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/index.htm?job=home

Hamfest calendar: http://k4hm.net/calendar.php

NC Canine Emergency Response Team: http://www.nccert.org/

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Public Service Through Amateur Radio

South Wake ARC's primary purpose is to further the Amateur Radio Service through programs, activities, and education, in order to promote the radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency of our members. Further, it shall be our purpose to support the welfare of our community through public service including radio communications for emergency situations and public events, and through providing information, training, and assistance to individuals or organizations with an interest in the Amateur Radio Service.